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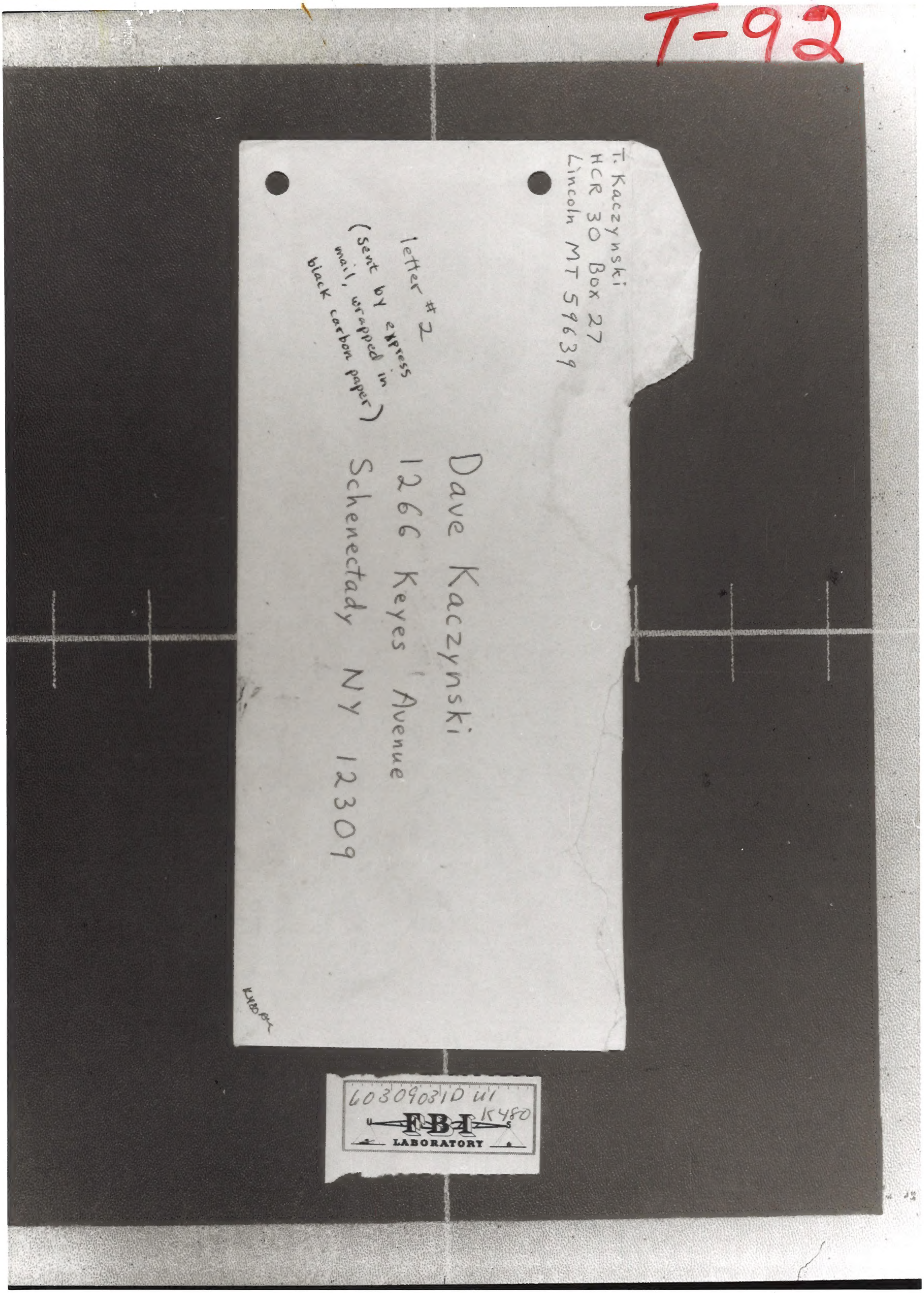
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Dave—

Recently you offered to help me if I ever needed your help. Well, I need it now and I need it ~~dep~~ desperately. It is a matter of life and death, and this is not an ~~ex~~ exaggeration. I seriously believe I will die if you can't accomplish this for me. And <u>soon</u>.

What you have got to do is this: In case you don't know, Ma put aside $7,732.81 in an account that is to pay medical expenses for me. The deal is that when I have a medical bill, I am to ask her for the money to pay it, and she will pay it, up to the amount of $7,732.81 total. I asked her to put the money in my name so that I wouldn't have to come begging to her when I have to pay a medical bill, and she wouldn't do it. She wanted to make it a joint account with my name, hers, and yours, and I said that would be OK, but <u>only</u> if I had the bankbook in my own hands so that I could withdraw money myself without coming begging to her for it. She wouldn't do that, either. Apparently she likes power and wants to keep it in her own hands.

[Margin note: I have already drawn $700 of this, so the balance is $7032.81]

I've talked with the welfare dept., and ~~I could~~ they said I could probably get medical aid from them if it weren't for the fact that I have that offer of $7032.81. As it is, I'd have to use up the $7032.81 before I can get help from the state. So this puts me in such a position that the only way I can get money for medical expenses is by begging to Ma for it.

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And I can't CAN'T do that any longer, for reasons that will be explained below.

What you've got to do for me is this, and you've got to do it NOW. You've got to persuade Ma to do one of 2 things.

Either she's got to send me a check for that $7032.81 so that it will be my outright property, Or she's got to send me a letter that states in clear and unequivocal terms that she is withdrawing irrevocably her offer of money for medical expenses. And she has got to state also that she is going to stop sending me any money of any kind at any time. That way I may be able to get welfare help, because the letter will show that I am no longer getting help from Ma. It is better if I get the ~~$700~~ $7032.81 rather than the letter withdrawing the offer, because I have already told the welfare dept about the $7000-odd dollars and they told me I could probably get ~~the~~ state medical aid if it weren't for the $7000. ~~[illegible]~~ So if I now show them a letter saying that the $7000 has been withdrawn, they might reasonably suspect that the letter withdrawing the offer is something I cooked up with Ma just to avoid spending family money on medical expenses and throw the expenses on the welfare dept.

~~But whether I get the $7000, or the letter withdrawing the offer is much less~~

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But whether I get the $7000 on the one hand, or the letter of withdrawal on the other, is less important than that I should get one or the other. The point that really matters is a psychological one: I have got to know, I have GOT TO, GOT TO, GOT TO know, that every last tie joining me to this stinking family has been cut FOREVER, and that I will never NEVER have to communicate with any of you again. If you're going to live up to your offer of help, you have GOT TO take care of this for me, IMMEDIATELY. I have got to cut myself off FOREVER from this family and from everything that reminds me of it, and I've got to do it NOW. I can't tell you how desperate I ~~?~~ am. You know that I am reserved in expressing my feelings and that if I express this kind of desperation I am very desperate indeed. It is killing me. You have GOT TO get Ma to sever all ties once and for all — either send that $7000 to me as my exclusive property or else send me a letter stating ~~#~~ unequivocally and irrevocably that she will send me no more money under any circumstances. Once again, the question of whether I get any money for medical expenses is not the most important one. (Though I should have medical treatment I can probably get by without it for a while without danger to life.) The important point is the psychological one — I've got to know that I'm cut off from this

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horrible family once and for all — FOREVER.

Recently I sent Ma a letter in which I tried once more to get her to accept responsibility for the verbal and psychological abuse to which she and Dad subjected me during my teens. I ventured to try this because lately she had seemed to be in a more or less sympathetic mood. More frankly than ever before I tried to tell her about the consequences for me of the constant rejection that I suffered both at home and at school throughout my teens — about the terrible fear of rejection that has prevented me from ever having any friends or social life of any kind.

In reply she sent me two letters in a patronizing tone. As she's done before, she tried to evade responsibility by attributing my fear of rejection to "that hospital experience". No one can say with any confidence what effect "that hospital experience" may have had on me. The point is that, hospital experience or no hospital experience, the psychological abuse I had from Ma and Dad was inexcusable and she refuses to accept responsibility for it. Parts of her letter were even insulting. For instance, she blamed the social rejection I've suffered on my being "arrogant" and "bossy". This is absurd. Most people who know me would probably describe me as shy and reticent, even to the point of timidity. I challenge you to find even ONE

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person than you and Ma who would describe me as arrogant and bossy. I can't blame YOU (Dave) for feeling that I'm arrogant and bossy, because I did indeed treat you that way when we were kids. And I was sometimes arrogant toward our parents, after I was old enough to feel no longer dependent on them, because of the (justified) resentment I felt toward them. But I challenge you to find one other person to whom I've been arrogant or bossy.

I got Ma's letters yesterday evening, and since then I've been in a desperate state of frustration, anger, and outrage. I've tried and tried to get through to her but I can't get her to understand and acknowledge what she and Dad did to me. It's always "that hospital experience", or "we may have made mistakes, but then, there are no perfect parents...". When they screamed insults at me they weren't making a "mistake" — they were indulging in uncontrolled outbursts of anger and using me as a butt on which to take out their own frustrations. ~~[illegible]~~ She had the gall to say in her letter of July 12 that she and Dad "never, never rejected" me. They used to scream at me that I was "sick", "another Walter Teszewski", "immature"; that I had "the mind of a two-year-old"; and if I talked back it was "speak respectfully to your parents or we'll throw you out of the house". Evidently,

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Ma finds it convenient to consider that this kind of thing does not constitute rejecting. Clearly, she is ~~too~~ totally inaccessible to reason on this subject.

Last night, after getting those letters, I was unable to sleep at all. I tossed in bed all night tortured by desperate outrage and frustration. I took one of the sleeping pills that my cardiologist prescribed for me for use on such occasions, but it had no effect at all — I still tossed and turned hour after hour with my heart pounding and pounding and pounding and pounding like a hammer. <u>This is killing me</u>. <u>It's got to stop</u> — and the only way to stop these things from happening is to cut off all connection whatsoever with this ~~s~~ stinking ~~fam~~ family so that I can forget it once and for all.

DON'T give me any arguments about the rights and wrongs of this. You will be doing me serious harm if you give me any arguments, because by doing so you will only increase my frustration. For present purposes it makes no difference who is right and who is wrong in this business. What does matter is that, ~~I have a terrible, consuming sense of outrage and~~ rightly or wrongly, I have a terrible, consuming sense of outrage and injustice over the way they treated me during my teens, and the fact that I

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can't get a full and sincere acknowledgement of what I consider to be the justice of my position is killing me. This is not hyperbole. I am desperate with frustration and anger and I can't stand it any more. You will only be making matters worse if you try to argue with me or advise me, etc.

There is only one solution, and that is to completely and permanently sever all connection with every member of the family and with anyone who may even remind me of it.

If you were serious about your offer of help, you've GOT TO help me here. By ANY MEANS NECESSARY, you have to bring about the following:

1. Ma has to either send me, as my own absolute property, the $7032.81 that she promised me for medical expenses, or she has to send me a letter stating unequivocally that she is irrevocably withdrawing all offers of financial aid and that she will send me no more money under any circumstances.

2. This letter, or check as the case may be, has to be sent to me by registered mail, and it has to be sent by express mail if it is possible to send a registered letter by express mail, because I have to get the check or the letter as soon as possible, because the limit has been reached. I won't be able to eat or sleep or stop my heart from pounding until this whole thing is settled and I

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know that I am separated forever and irrevocably from this whole stinking family. This has got to be done as soon as possible, because I don't know how long I can stand up under the strain.

3. You must not send me any letter or any communication of any kind, except the registered letter containing either the check for $7032.81 or the letter withdrawing all offers of money. Any ~~com~~ communication you could send me, no matter what it might be, would only get me ~~m~~ more upset, because the one vital thing that I desperately need is to permanently sever all connection with this family NOW.

4. Mother must not send me any checks, money, or ~~com~~ communication of any kind, except that one registered letter containing ~~th~~ either the check for $7032.81 or the letter withdrawing all offers of money. Other than that one registered letter, any communications that I receive from you, Ma, or anyone else connected with our family, will be thrown in the stove ~~unread~~ unopened, regardless of whether they contain checks, money, or anything else important.

5. As for ~~the~~ my share of the ~~oder~~ inheritance, I don't want any of it. Not because I can't use the money, but because in order to collect the money I would have to have contact with the family,

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~~and I~~ and I can't endure that. If you don't want my share of the inheritance for yourself, then I suggest that you dispose of it in this way: (A) use part of it to pay off Juan Sanchez's medical bills. (B) Put aside several ~~thous~~ thousand dollars to help ~~o~~ out Juan's family if Juan dies or becomes unable to work before his kids are old enough to support themselves, or if they have any family emergency such as serious illness. (C) Keep the rest of the money to help other people whom you may ~~enc~~ encounter and who are not covered by any of the standard welfare or charity organizations. If nothing else, you can hand out $10 bills to bums and panhandlers. That way you'll at least let them get a bottle of booze and forget their troubles for a while. Since ~~there is~~ I am renouncing all claim to the inheritance, there is no need for me to be involved in family affairs in any way, so there is nothing that could ever be important enough so that you would have to get in touch with me. Even if Ma dies, I don't want to hear about it. Thus, letters with underlined stamps will be burned the same as any other letters from you. I'll have to withdraw now the offer that I once made to help you if you're ever in trouble; not because of ill will, ~~bu~~ but because I have to permanently ~~c~~ cut off contact with every member of the family, including you. From a practical point of view it will make little difference to you

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because you have a wife and many friends, and can certainly get help if you ever need it — besides which, you can expect to inherit a lot of money.

I think it will be extremely difficult for you to get Ma to comply with these measures, but you've GOT TO do it somehow, and QUICKLY. Because I've got to get away from this family NOW, and I don't know how I can live until I'm sure that I will never again have any communication with you. You certainly won't be able to communicate with me if I'm dead, so you may as well stop communicating with me now, and let me have relief. You've got to persuade Ma, and Now.

— Ted

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